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AMENDMENT #8

Subject: Aceh Road and Bridge Reconstruction Project
RFP Number: Indonesia 06-015
Issue Date for Amendment #8: July 27, 2006
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REVISED Closing Date: August 10, 2006 @ 3:00pm Jakarta Time

Dear Potential Offerors:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development Mission to Indonesia (USAID/Indonesia) is hereby amending the Subject RFP.

The subject RFP is also Amended to answer the following questions:

1. *Please provide the spacing between cast-in-place diaphragms. It is not shown on cross section drawing (S-301H) and diaphragm details drawing (S-507H). Please advise.*

There are no interior diaphragms required for 39m two-span bridges. End diaphragms are provided only at abutments and pier. For bridges that require interior diaphragms, the spacing is shown in Drawing S-511X.

2. *In reference to drawing S-301K, please provide the detail and thickness of the concrete slab at the steel trusses (including the steel reinforcing layout).*

The detail and thickness of the concrete slab at steel trusses are to be provided by truss supplier.

3. *There are conflicts regarding the ditch lining layout between ditch lining schedule (drawing DT-28) and road section (drawings TS-03 – TS-10). For example: on the drawing DT-28 located between STA 05+005 and 14+250, there is 2,302.01 Cu M of concrete ditch lining, whereas the typical section 04 - STA 5+045 to 13+600 on the drawing TS-03 doesn't show any concrete ditch lining. Please clarify.*

The ditch lining is not a typical feature and, therefore, was not included on the typical sections. For ditch lining detail, see upper right hand corner of drawing TS-03. The quantities presented in the drawing DT-28 should be considered as an estimate. It is the responsibility of offerors to propose a quantity rather than to rely on the estimate shown in DT-28.

4. *Please provide detail for concrete ditch lining as shown on ditch lining schedule (drawing DT-28).*

See upper right hand corner of drawing TS-03 for the ditch lining detail. Ditch should be reinforced with wire fabric. The quantities presented in the drawing DT-28 should be considered as an estimate. It is the responsibility of offerors to propose a quantity rather than to rely on the estimate shown in DT-28.

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5. *Reference Section I.15 FAR 52.228-1 – Proposal Guarantee*

- a. *Is there a requirement for a Proposal Guarantee to be provided with the Bidder's Proposal (known as a Bid Bond in the Construction Industry)?*

Yes, please refer to Section I.15 of the subject RFP as this is clearly stated.

- b. *If yes, is an irrevocable letter of credit for 25% of the Bid Amount (or \$500,000, whichever is less) provided by the Bidder with the Proposal an acceptable Proposal Guarantee or is a Surety Bond in the amount of 25% of the Bid Amount (or \$500,000, whichever is less) provided by the Bidder with the Proposal an acceptable Proposal Guarantee?*

Both are acceptable Guarantees. Please refer to Section I.15(c, d) of the subject RFP as these are clearly stated.

6. *Reference Section I Items I.1 and I.16*

- a. *Is there a requirement for a Payment and Performance Bond to be provided by the successful awardee upon execution of the contract?*

No. A Payment and Performance Bond are required however, per Amendment #6 Question/Answer # 3 and these bonds are required within 10 days of the awarding of the contract – not “upon execution of the contract.”

- b. *FAR 52.228-14 (incorporated by reference) state that the Contractor may provide an Irrevocable Letter of Credit issued by a Financial Institution acceptable to the Government in lieu of a Payment and Performance Bond. Is this an acceptable alternate?*

Yes, and this shall meet all of the terms and conditions of the FAR.

- c. *If an Irrevocable Letter of Credit is an acceptable form of a Performance and payment Bond, then what is the % of the contract amount(s) or total amount(s) of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit?*

Please refer to FAR 52.228-14(b)(2) and Section I.16(b) of the subject RFP. This is the policy and the amounts that will be required. The amount of the Performance and Payment Bond is the same no matter the surety offered.

The overall deadline for receipt of questions or requests for clarifications expired on July 26, 2006 and no additional questions will be answered in regard to this RFP.

Issuance of this solicitation and its amendments does not in any way obligate the U.S. Government to award a contract nor does it commit the U.S. Government to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

Sincerely,



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